

# BARTON COUNTY DEMOCRAT.

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## OPEN YOUR MOUTH.

Don't be a Clam, and Drag along in Slime  
at The Bottom of the Stream.  
Let 'em Known You Are  
Alive.



ANY times is the attention of business men called to the prosperity of their neighbors who are not afraid to tell the public what they are doing. Some men even in Great Bend, have stated that all this fuss the newspapers are kicking up about advertising is "so much bosh" that "it's money thrown away," etc., or that it is agitated by the newspaper men for their own benefit.

Only the latter assertion contains any element of truth, for the newspaper, the editor of which does not hustle for business, would soon be in the same unfortunate position as the merchant, who does not advertise—a back number.

Advertising is a branch of every business just she same as buying goods, care of stock, managing help or delivering goods when sold. It is conceded by all experienced and successful advertisers that the newspaper is the best possible means of advertising. The item of expense to an advertiser sometimes checks his ardor and he then decides to reform and cut down expenses.

The first thing that he does is to fire the newspaper man bodily out of the front door after asking him in a chilly way not to call till "spring trade opens." Then he sits down to wait for spring, he dusts the store, invoices, nurses the disappointments of last year and waits and waits until his neighbors get id their new goods, or his city competitors have been sending broadcast glaring advertisements, and the people are all interested and ready to buy, then our waiting friend awakens to find that he has lost valuable time and good, hard money by his delay; that he has a whole lot of out-of-season goods on his hands, and that the live, wide-awake neighbors have got the custom coming their way. In fact he finds that the goods he intended to advertise "when spring trade opens" is a great big white elephant that is eating its head off every day.

There's but one way to do, keep a-moving. Talk to the people about your business, about your town, about your goods, invite them in, treat them well when they come, keep the goods you advertise, and keep eternally at it. Have some certain one write the advertisements and do it in good time. And when you place your advertisement, put it where some one will see it. Don't take it to the paper that has no readers outside of a small gang of political enthusiasts. You can ascertain what papers are read by most of the people upon making enquiry of the customers. Any one will tell you what county papers he reads. The fellow who has the small list may offer to do your advertising cheaper than others—that is the reason he has a small list, he does not himself hustle for business. The Lord helps those who help themselves—even the newspaper men.

If you have any doubts about the truthfulness of these statements, look about you and see what business men have "white elephants" on their hands. You will at the same time observe that such men do not advertise in popular papers.

"The Womans exchange" will hereafter be found three doors west of the J. V. Brinkman Co. Bank, and open every Saturday; there will be found for sale fresh bread, pies cakes, cookies, doughnuts and many other things too numerous to mention. Hot coffee and lunch served every Saturday.

An old proverb says:—"An apple a day keeps the doctors away." Apples are the most healthy fruit one can eat, and apples can be raised in Barton county. Every farmer should not longer put off starting an orchard. Put out what trees you can this year, and increase the number as you can afford it. The time will come when every one of our readers will realize that this is good advice.

## LOCAL NOTES.

The Ellinwood city schools will close about June 1st.

The winter term of the Great Bend school will close may 8th.

The season of Lent will close at Ellinwood by a grand Easter ball.

Sam Guinn returned last week from a trip down in Kingman county.

I am long on corn. Short on hogs. How are you? A. L. MILLER. tf

Powder and shot at cost. A. R. Moss.

N. G. Wedge has gone back to Larned, from Ellinwood. We feel sorry for him.

FOR SALE—10 pounds of fresh picked goose and duck feathers. Enquire at this office.

Winter has no business lingering in the lap of spring any longer. Come off the perch, old frostbite.

Assistant Postmaster C. L. Zuta-vern took the civil service examination at Garden City, last Monday.

Prof. N. F. Daum is putting up a wind mill, and will raise his own vegetables this summer by irrigation.

Highest market price paid for butter and eggs, in exchange for goods at cost. A. R. Moss.

A marriage license was issued the first of the week to L. F. Olivarius and Miss Hattie Sedel, both of near Olmitz.

John Schneider, of Albert, was doing business in town Monday, and renewed his allegiance to the DEMOCRAT.

Word comes up from the vicinity of Cleo, Ok., that a fine girl baby recently came to increase the family of Elmer Ruby.

Next Sunday will be Easter. No need of men going to church; the new hats will take all their attention from the sermon.

It will pay you to see the DEMOCRAT when you want horse bills or notes printed. The best of work, at hard time prices.

F. B. Greene, Agt. for American Steam Laundry, of Hutchinson, sends his basket on Tuesday evening and has it back Saturday a. m.

F. F. Eikmeier, of North Dakota, and Mary Eikmeier, of South Bend township, were issued a marriage license Tuesday of this week.

Albert Townsend now drives the hack between Great Bend and Hoisington, making his first trip over during the balmy breezes of Friday.

C. F. Brining, who has been staying with a son at Ellinwood, now makes his home with another son, J. M. Brining, four miles west of Great Bend.

School closed in district No. 40, last Friday, with an interesting program, a big dinner being one of the things greatly enjoyed by the large crowd.

Friday's wind did considerable damage to wheat fields in the sandy location, blowing the young wheat out in some places, and in others covering it up with the drifting sand.

Editor Pope, of the Topeka Call, (colored,) who was in Great Bend some months ago and gave our city a very pleasant notice in the Call, has been stricken with small pox.

One thing is pretty certain, and that is that Great Bend will go "wet" at the election Tuesday. The "drys" may get one or two men on the council; but that will not "cut any ice."

Hornbeck, at the old Beye stand has the best grades of apples and sell at the lowest market prices. See him before buying. Also fresh cider and cider vinegar always on hand.

H. F. Myers, the bicycle man, has lots and lots of wheels, but not in his head—though he has acted a little peculiar since last Monday, when a fine girl baby came to his house.

When thinking of laying in your supply of spring seeds remember that the Great Bend Implement Co. will have a complete stock of the FRESHEST seeds, from the best houses, for sale at hard times prices. tf

## FREAKS OF THE WIND.

Mrs. McGinty Tells Some of Her Experiences of Last Friday.



INTENSELY amused at the figure Mrs. McGinty cut as she came down street last Friday with bonnet strings flapping, her skirts standing out seven ways for Sunday and a couple of buckets on her arm

making a racket like the last roll call, we accosted her with the remark: "Pleasant day Mrs. McGinty."

"Pleasant day is it, ye imperdint spalpeen? Go long, now and quit yer coddin'."

"O, well, it's a little breezy; that is all."

"Howly Mother! Phat yer givin' me! Prazzy? I don't think. Yis, it's a little braazy—so braazy I don't know if I've got on one of thim new shyle hoop skirts or a pair o' bloomers. Why, it's so braazy that Windy Wood is ashamed o' hisself, and I hav'nt seen a populist orrathor open his mout this blissed day. Go away now, Mister Editor, an' quit yure luckin at me; I'm so flabbergasted I don't know what broke me wind, at all, at all."

"Never mind Mrs. McGinty. A little wind like this will not do much harm. It would not be Kansas weather if it was not a little erratic."

"Erratic is it yes call it? Why Mister, do you kno I schtarted out to milk at 5 o'clock this mornin' an' here I am. The brindle cow is flickin her tail over the prairies of Nebraska by this, an' the white cow lost her horns in the first gust. I met Dock Shaw headed north-by-north-east, an' the wind had blowed ivery hair off the top o' his hid an' blowed old Billy knock-kneed in front and stringhalt behind. It blowed the faythers all off me powltury an' they're now bein' used by th' man in th' moon as decorations to his whiskers. The sand is drifted knee deep in our sittin' room; an' our whate field's a bare as th' desert o' Sahara. Mrs. Murphy's goat, which is thin-like, had his insides blowed out an' I found two flat irons I lost last summer a stickin' up against th' shanty like a toad on a log where they'd blowed out o' that goat's stummick. My Dinnis had a wind mill an' it run so fast it exhaust-ed the underflow an' then it twisted itself off the tower an' schtarted on a tour around the wurrel in eighty minutes. I trowed a bucket o' slop to de pig, an' he opened his mout' to squeal for more the wind an' sand wint t'rough him so suddint it scowered out all the corn I'd fed 'im for a wake back. O, yis, it's a erratic wind, so it is! My naybur, Mrs. Jones, has a crack blowed in her voice, an' Jones' thrashing engine was blowed across two sections, an' Dinnis said he seen the Oklahomy boom go north airly in the morn'n'. Say, why don't you bottle some o' this wind an' sell it to th' candydates this fall?" And with this parting suggestion Mrs. McGinty blew out of sight a muchly mussed up bundle of disgust in which striped stockings, red petticoats and an onion breath—with the accent on the onion—predominated.

Dentistry.

The Great Bend Dental Office will be open from April 5th to 11th, all week.

Fred Walker left for his claim in the Strip the first of the week. Fred is very enthusiastic over his new home, but we make the prediction that he will be back in Great Bend before many years.

New, bulk garden seeds, at half former prices. A. R. Moss.

The A. M. E. church of this city have a new organ, using it first in their services last Sunday. This church organization under the present board of trustees is proving a substantial one.

We want to close out our of stock stoves, and are offering them at actual cost to us. You cannot afford to let this opportunity pass to get a good stove at cost. This is no catch advertisement, but we mean business.

Great Bend Implement Co.

## PERSONAL POINTS.

\* Esquire Chat Donley, if you please.

\* Len Miller assisted in the postoffice this week.

\* B. Cofer was over from Hoisington last Friday.

\* Harry Brooker was up from Hutchinson last week.

\* Fred Aber made a trip to Kansas City, last week.

\* W. A. Brodie was down to visit the family last week.

\* Henry Huttman was up from Wichita last week.

\* Mrs. N. F. Daum was laid up with rheumatism last week.

\* Mrs. M. V. Bird of west of town, went to Larned last Monday.

\* Atty. Francis and Joe Shirley were Hoisington visitors, Monday.

\* J. H. Norris, of the south side, was doing business in town Saturday.

\* George Mitchel blowed in from Cripple Creek the first of the week.

\* Prof. Lockhart, of Ellinwood schools, was in the city Saturday.

\* Mrs. Viola McGreevy left for her new home in the Strip Saturday.

\* W. H. Travis, of Cladin, did legal business in the county seat last Friday.

\* Wm. Doty, John Coss, and Andrew Geil were in from near Heizer Saturday.

\* Mrs. W. K. Robertson visited friends in Halstead, a few days last week.

\* Post Master Eveleigh, of Maherville, was doing business in town Saturday.

\* S. A. Young came up to visit a few days this week with George Crum-mack's.

\* Dave Harris, who has been attending school in Illinois, is home for the summer.

\* Gen'l Chapman and Georgia Bailey and Mabel Brinkman drove to Larned Sunday.

\* Mrs. Dr. Davidson, who makes her home with Percy near Seward, was in the city Saturday.

\* Joe Sprinker of Ellinwood, was smiling with his many friends in Great Bend, Saturday.

\* Misses Lucy Christoph and Mary Demal, of Ellinwood, drove up to Great Bend last Thursday.

\* Mrs. Max Shafer and Mrs. James Dawson of Ellinwood, visited friends in Great Bend, last Friday.

\* Michael Murphy, a brother of J. D. Murphy of Eureka township, came out from Kansas City this week, on a visit.

\* Willis Simpson, who has been attending the State Industrial School at Manhattan, is home for a few weeks visit.

\* Jack Morrison and family came out from Davenport, Ia., last week, called here by the illness of Dick Ewalt Jr., brother of Mrs. Morrison.

\* Fred Nuttleman and Charles Brandt, who came out with the remains of Fred Miller, returned to La Crosse, Wis., the first of the week.

Dick Ewalt, Jr., who came home sick from Enid, Ok., last week, is slowly recovering after being very near death's door.

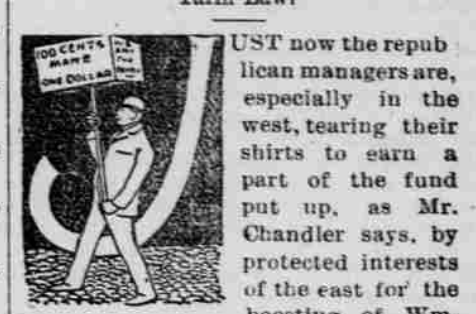
The marriage of C. W. Linder, of Hoisington, and Miss Maggie Watson of Maherville, will take place today at the home of the bride.

A. M. Button, one of the best known residents of the county, is reported near the point of death, although the doctors say he may rally, and yet live a few years. He has something like cancer of the stomach.

Mayor Geo. Moses was never known to weaken but once, and it is a matter of general regret that he did weaken. A gang of tramps were put into the cooler the other night. They kept up an infernal racket all night, and were at it still in the morning. George ordered the hose turned onto them, to quiet their enthusiasm; but when the tramps saw the impending calamity they were struck so speechless that they never opened their mouths again until they got out of town. When George saw how hard it would be for the Weary Willies to take WATER, he weakened; hence these tears.

## IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.

Merchandise Going Abroad Exceeds That Coming In Under The Wilson Tariff Law.



UST now the republican managers are, especially in the west, tearing their shirts to earn a part of the fund put up, as Mr. Chandler says, by protected interests of the east for the boosting of Wm. McKinley into the presidential chair. They seem to be falling over each other in the wild scramble to do homage to the great exponent of protective tariff, and aver that the campaign will be made this year in favor of high protection and by an attack on the party now in power for permitting revenues to be reduced.

Before they enter too far into this policy of campaigning it would be well for them to read carefully the following statement taken from the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, a republican paper, of the issue of March 14th, concerning imports and exports. The Globe-Democrat says:

"A statement issued by the Bureau of statistics of the imports and exports of the United States for the month of February and for the eight months ending February 29, 1896, shows the exports of domestic merchandise during the month amounted to \$76,866,185, against \$54,999,944 during February, 1895. For the eight months the exports aggregated \$530,269,590, or about \$40,000,000 in excess of the same period in 1895.

The imports of merchandise during February amounted to \$62,487,298, of which \$28,524,036 were free of duty. For the eight months the imports, dutiable and free were \$61,402,207 less than the exports."

Cold facts and figures of this kind, which proves beyond any possibility of doubt that the revenues are being INCREASED under the Wilson tariff law; that this country is now selling to foreign countries more goods than it is buying of them, thus bringing the balance of trade in our favor, will put a dampener on the ardor of every man who assumes to say that McKinleyism would increase our revenues.

\$2.00 For Lister Shares.

After this date I will put on Lister Shares, as follows: 14 inch for \$2; 16 inch, for \$2.25; 12 inch plow shares, \$2.25; 14 inch, \$2.50; 16 inch \$2.75. All shares guaranteed to be the best grade of steel in the market.

Also, 1 inch axle stubs, \$6.00; 1 1/2 inch \$6.50. All boxes set by a wagon maker. W. P. COLES.

The American Steam Laundry, of Hutchinson, does repair work free—and guarantees satisfaction. Give them a trial. F. B. GREENE, Agt.

A whole lot of potatoes will be planted in this county this spring. Some will mulch, and others will irrigate, and as a result, more potatoes will be raised this year in Barton county than ever before.

The Clarion at LaCrosse says that town has the "best minister west of the Mississippi," because they attend strictly to their own business and let everybody else's alone—the Lord's too we suppose.

Only about half of the voting population of Great Bend is registered. The man who gets the following number of votes will be elected: In the first ward 38, 2d ward 63, 3d ward 77, and 4th ward 49.

Wm. Rearick was down from the north part of the county last Thursday. He has just returned from an overland trip down into Rice county, and reports that he saw not a single field of poor wheat in all his travels.

WANTED—A husband. I am a widow, 32 years old; have one child 8 years old; own a farm, and have for the past six years made my own living. None but industrious men need answer this. Address "M. A. C." care box 654, Great Bend Kans. 24.